

le Clos du Caillou

NATURE - Côtes du Rhône



Red 2012

Vintage 2012

Balance and freshness.

The winter was extremely cold, causing the loss of numerous old grenache vines (stocks). It was followed by a fresh and raining spring during the flowering causing the shatter on the grenache. The summer was dry and hot with an heat wave episode mid August. The rains at the end of August and at end of September, allowed to the vegetation to not undergo the negative consequences of a too much extended hydric stress and to perfect the maturity of the late grapes.

In terms of sunstroke and pluviometry, we are close to the 2010 vintage and concerning the high temperatures, we are close to the 2011.

2012 is a fresh vintage with fine tannins, on beautiful balances and with an attractive fruit. The level of alcohol is moderated, compare to 2011.

Our wines are certificated Organic Wine (AB) since the vintage 2010 (organic vines) and Biologic Wine since 2012 (organic vinification).

Created in 2011, this new wine born from a long reflection. In effect our vineyard is now cultivated in organic farming for eleven years and in biodynamie for six years. We wanted, through this wine, going to the end of our reasoning and to notice if our vineyard will answer favorably.

Winemaking:

This 2012 Natural wine, is a blending of **65 % of Grenache** and **35 % of Mourvèdre**, from a sandy and rolled pebbles soil. Harvested on september 8th and 9th, this vintage is elaborated with whole grapes, with natural engaging of the fermentation, by the wild yeasts naturally on grapes. The cuvaison was about 23 days, followed by 3 months of ageing in tank. This wine was vinified without sulfur, and it until the bottling. The bottling took place on March 15th, 2013 for a production of 6 080 bottles.

Tasting:

Beautiful dark purple dress, in the crimson and brilliant reflections. It expresses the grape just picked, associated to cherry note, well ripe. The mouth is fresh with a very attractive fruit of wild strawberry, raspberry and blueberry liqueur. Beautiful length in mouth.

